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SUBJ: ACCUSER OF MASSERA ET AL KIDNAPPED

1. GUILLERMO PATRICIO KELLY, THE FIREBRAND POLITICAL
MAVERICK WHOSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST IMPORTANT MILITARY AND
POLITICAL FIGURES IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE CREATED A SENSATION,
WAS KIDNAPPED IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES THE MORNING
OF AUGUST 24. AMONG THE WITNESSES WERE KELLY'S WIFE
AND BYSTANDERS AT A BUSY INTERSECTION WHERE HE WAS STOPPED,
TAKEN FROM HIS CAR AND DRIVEN OFF BY ARMED MEN DESCRIBED
AS WEARING MILITARY FATIGUES.

2. PRESIDENT BIGNONE EXPRESSED HIS INDIGNATION WHEN TOLD
ABOUT THE KIDNAPPING DURING A CABINET MEETING, ACCORDING
TO THE PALACE SPOKESMAN. AS FOR THE POLICE, THEY WERE
KEPT BUSY THROUGH THE DAY DEALING WITH A FLURRY OF RUMORS
THAT REPORTED KELLY DEAD. THE CASE WAS BEING DEALT WITH,
ACCORDING TO THE POLICE WHO WERE STILL SEEKING INFORMATION
ON HIS WHEREABOUTS BY LATE AFTERNOON, AS "ILLEGAL DEPRIVATION
OF LIBERTY."

3. KELLY EARLIER THIS YEAR ORIGINATED AND THEN MADE HIM-
SELF A CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE COMPLEX SERIES OF CHARGES
WHICH BROUGHT FORMER NAVY CHIEF EMILIO MASSERA BEFORE A
CIVILIAN COURT IN THE CASE OF DISAPPEARED BUSINESSMAN
FERNANDO BRANCA. KELLY'S PUBLIC CHARGES ALSO LINKED
MASSERA TO THE MURDER OF BUSINESSMAN MARCELO DUPONT LAST
OCTOBER AND DIPLOMAT ELENA HOLMBERG IN 1978. HE ALSO
FIGURES IN CHARGES TYING MASSERA TO OTHER TERRORIST
EXCESSES DURING THE WAR AGAINST
SUBVERSION. MORE RECENTLY, KELLY HAS ACCUSED PERONIST LABOR
LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL OF COMPLICITY IN THE BRUTAL DEATH OF
A MEMBER OF MIGUEL'S SECURITY DETAIL SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

4. APART FROM THE TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES, ACCORDING TO
MOST REPORTS CIRCULATING THIS AFTERNOON, THE POLICE THEM-
SELVES INADVERTENTLY SAW THE KIDNAPPING. A SQUAD CAR
PULLED UP TO THE SCENE TO INQUIRE WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND
THE APPARENT LEADER OF THE KIDNAPPERS, REPORTED TO BE
WEARING SOME SORT OF MILITARY UNIFORM, WAVED IT ON.
ANOTHER IRONY WAS THE REPORT THAT KELLY WAS ON HIS WAY TO
THE LIBERADOR HOTEL WHEN SEIZED AT ABOUT 8:50 A.M., TO
BREAKFAST WITH RAUL IBARRA. IBARRA IS ONE OF THE PROSECU-
TION WITNESSES AGAINST MASSERA IN THE BRANCA INVESTIGA-
TION NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY FEDERAL JUDGE OSCAR SALVI, WHO
HIMSELF REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN THE TARGET OF RECENT DEATH
THREATS.

5. KELLY, IN HIS EARLY SIXTIES, IS BY PROFESSION A
JOURNALIST, PRESENTLY AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE SMALL BUT
CONTROVERSIAL MAGAZINE, "QUORUM." HE HAS FRANKLY OWNED
UP TO A HIGHLY CHECKERED POLITICAL CAREER THAT STRETCHES
BACK TO THE MID-40S, WHEN HE WAS A STREET ORGANIZER FOR

THE PERONISTS, AN ULTRA-NATIONALIST PRO-NAZI WHO IN LATER
YEARS TOLD FRIENDS HE WORKED FOR ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE,
A CLAIM DENIED IN THIS MORNING'S PAPERS BY THE ISRAELI
AMBASSADOR. HE WAS IMPRISONED IN USNAUJA AFTER PERON'S
1955 OVERTHROW BUT ESCAPED TO CHILE, ONE OF A NUMBER OF
ESCAPEES THAT MADE HIM A CELEBRITY AS SOMETIME WRITER,
DABBLER IN INTRIGUE AND, IN RECENT DAYS, MAN ABOUT TOWN.
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